

## **Statement on Senate Bill 282**

As a defender of rural Texas and an advocate for fiscally responsible limited government, I believe the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) should be prohibited from redistributing penalties from project delays to unrelated projects or transportation districts elsewhere in Texas. That is why I have filed Senate Bill 282, which would require TxDOT to provide relief to communities impacted by project delays and allocate any liquidated damages received to additional projects in the department district where the delay was located.

I previously filed this legislation in 2017 and passed it out of the Senate, but it failed to pass the House. This session I look forward to working with Representative Brad Buckley, who has filed this bill in the House, to ensure it makes its way to Governor Greg Abbott and is enacted into law.

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